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The Deseret Farmer proposes to stand for the people of Utah and in a case where there is a conflict between the people and a trust, we are for the people every time. The Centralized system of dairying is not conclusive to best results in dairying and should only be tolerated in localities where there is not sufficient milk and cream for the establishment of a co-operative creamery.

SHORTHORNS AS MILKERS.

Editor Deseret Farmer:—Will you kindly publish some information concerning milking shorthorns. Where can the best specimens in America be obtained? Do you know anything of the herd owned by "Innes & May" of Granville Centre, Pa?—M. B. Forest Dale.

Answer by Prof. T. E. Woodward,
A. C. U.

The best we can do is to refer your correspondent to the Agricultural College of Idaho, where they have, we understand, a good sized herd of milking shorthorns. It is altogether probable that they can supply his wants. We do not know where the best specimens of this breed are to be obtained and are not acquainted with the herd of Innes and May. In fact we do not profess to be wise on the subject of milking Shorthorns. We do know, however, that on the average they are inferior to the Jersey, Guernsey and Holsteins for dairy purposes. There are a number of individuals of the Shorthorn breed which have very creditable milk and butter records, but it seems that these dairy qualities are transmitted with no degree of certainty. Because of this it is absolutely necessary for

the breeder to select his individual animals. He has no assurance of what a heifer will be until she has calved and he has tried her out at the pail. The dairy breeds transmit their qualities with a greater degree of certainty. Shorthorns will not yield as much butter as Jerseys, Guernseys or Holsteins and are not so profitable. It cost practically as much to feed a poor cow as a good one, so why not have the best? The breeds referred to above have been bred for centuries for dairy purposes solely, so why try to convert an animal of beefy tendencies into a dairy animal? Why not profit by the efforts of the breeders of the past? We admit that the calves of the Shorthorn breed and also the cows which have past their period of usefulness are more valuable for beef than those of the dairy breeds. However, if the correspondent will merely take the time to figure the difference he will find that this matter of beef is not one of very great importance.

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There are hundreds of people selling dairy products—milk, cream or butter. Many of these hundreds are doing business at a loss. Why? Because they do not know how.

Dairying is a business, just the same as any other line of agriculture. To make a success of the milk business, the man who is engaged in the business must study it and learn how.

The principal reason that dairying does not pay the man who does the business. He does not appreciate the value of a good cow and, in many cases, does not know a good cow from a poor one. And if he gets a good cow he does not appreciate her enough to feed and care for her properly to insure a profitable return. He does not consider his farm and dairy herd as an investment that must return an interest on the investment, but just milks and sells milk and accepts the returns without any knowledge of cost of production of anything else.

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